

(a) the total area in hectares under poppy cultivation in the country;

(b) the percentage of poppy produced in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh out of the total poppy production in the country during the last two years;

(c) whether any proposal to revise the prices of opium is under consideration of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Total area licensed for poppy cultivation during crop year 1991-92 is approximately 14,211 hectares.

(b) opium produced in Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh out of the total production in the country during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 was about 2.45 percent and 2.92 percent respectively.

(c) No, sir,

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Production of opium in India is mainly export oriented. The procurement price of opium is therefore directly related to its export price, which has not changed significantly during the last few years because of the stiff competition which Indian opium has been facing from an alternate source of raw material viz. cps (Concentrate of Poppy straw) in the international market.

EEC's Decision on one Trade-one Currency

4906 SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign trade of India is likely to be adversely affected due to European Economic Community's decision of one Trade and one Currency; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to safeguard the economical interests of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The emergence of the single European Market and its likely effects are constantly monitored. Some steps taken to improve the economic relationship include:-

(a) the decision to establish a technical working group for exploring possibilities of upgrading economic and technical cooperation;

(b) Signing of the India EEC International partners Scheme to provide for EC assistance to establishing Indo-EEC Joint Ventures in India;

(c) providing for EC financial and technical assistance for trade promotion programmes in selected sectors, besides support in upgradation of standards, and

(d) establishment of the Indo-EEC Business Forum.

[English]

National Sericulture Project

4907. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of traditional and Pilot states selected under the National Sericulture Project launched with the financial assistance from world bank and Swiss development Corporation;

(b) the details of the financial assistance

received so far from the World Bank and Swiss development corporation for the project;

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the objectives of the National sericulture Project

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In the five traditional sericulture States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir, the National Sericulture Project is meant for entire State. However, in twelve Pilot States, the project is limited to one or two districts as indicated below:-

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>Project area/district</i>	
1.	Assam	(A)	Jorhat
		(B)	Sibsagar
2	Bihar	(A)	Purnes
		(B)	Kishanganj
		(C)	Araria
3	Gujarat	(A)	Surat
		(B)	Valsad
4.	Haryana	(A)	Abala
5.	Himachal Pradesh	(A)	Solan
6.	Kerala	(A)	Palakkad
		(B)	Idduku
7.	Madhya Pradesh	(A)	Bastar
8.	Maharashtra	(A)	Akola
		(B)	Buldana
9.	Orissa	(A)	Koraput
10.	Punjab	(A)	Hoshiarpur
11.	Raasthan	(A)	Udaipur
		(B)	banswara
12.	Uttar pradesh	(A)	Dehradu n
		(B)	Saharanpur

(b) & (c). As per the staff Appraisal Report of National Sericulture Project the currency of the project is upto 1995-96. The project envisages financial assistance of Rs. 323.2 crores from the World Bank &

Swiss Development Co-operation besides Central/States investment of Rs. 65.7 crores and institutional credit of Rs. 166.4 crores.

The expenditure reported by the State

implementing agencies in Rs 16 98 crores (Upto Dec , 1991) and the expenditure of the Central Silk Board upto 31 3 92 is estimated to be Rs 45 32 crores. The assistance from the World Bank/ SDC is based on settlement of reimbursement claims filed by the implementing agencies from time to time

(d) The objectives envisaged under NSP are as under -

- 1 Expansion of mulberry area and introduction of sericulture in New States/area to develop 57,600 hect ares of additional mulberry plantation
- 2 Increasing raw silk production in the country by 6000 metric tonnes
- 3 Generating additional employment of one million persons in rural areas
- 4 Improving the quality and productivity of Indian Silk
- 5 Increasing export of silk products by Rs 5700 millions
- 6 Strengthening the infrastructure form Research Extension Seed Production, processing, Quality Control and marketing of cocoons as well as raw silk
- 7 providing financial support to reareas, reelers, twistors and seed produces
- 8 Strengthening socially desirable features such as employment of women, use of smokeless chulha and involvement of NSGs

Armament Factory in Private Sector

4908 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to start armament factory in private sector or to handover any government-owned armament factory to this sector, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Development of National Highways

4910 DR A K PATE
SHRI SARAT CHANDRA
PATTANAYAK
SHRI H D DEVEGOWDA
SHRI LAL K ADVANI
SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH
HOODA
SHRI YASWANTRAO PATIL
SHRI HARISH NARAYAN
PRABHU ZANTYE
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM,
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE
SHRI M V V S MURTHY
SHRI DILEEP BHAI
SANGHANI

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question Nos 245 and 247 on march 13, 1992 and state

(a) the names of the road/State Highways for which the State Governments have recommended to give the status of national Highway, and

(b) the names of the national Highways and nature of development work for which the State Government have submitted proposals, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b) the requisite details are contained in the enclosed statements I and II